
A
LETTER

WRITTEN BY THE
GRAND VIZIER,
TO HIS HIGHNESS THE
DUKE OF LORRAIN.

To the Lord CHARLES, General of the Christian Armies, Greeting:

AS We had unjustly begun a War upon the Christians, so it hath pleased the Righteous GOD, to shew His Displeasure against Us, and to punish Us with many Disappointments and Losses; And yet We do not despair of His Mercies, but that when His Vengeance is satisfied, He will look upon Us again with an Eye of Pity; who is able, when We are sufficiently humbled, to raise Us up again, and cover Our Enemies with Confusion; which yet We do not desire, having nothing more in Our Thoughts, than that a firm and sincere Peace might be established, upon such equitable Terms, as may engage both Sides to the constant due Observance of it. We shall not need to represent to Your Wisdom, the Calamities that accompany a long War, whereby Towns are demolished, Countries depopulated, innocent Blood spilt, Trade and Commerce obstructed; and, in a Word, which produces nothing but Misery and Ruine in all its most deformed Shapes. And on the other side, That it is Peace which makes all things to flourish and abound, and is the only Repairer of all those Desolations that ensue upon a cruel War. And it is that which We now cordially desire; and we cannot doubt but that your Grandeur must equally prize this inestimable Blessing; in order to which, We shall be glad to understand Your Sentiments, as We shall be ready on Our Side to make some Proposals, which, we believe, may effectually contribute to the perfecting this great Work. And if these Considerations do not move You, We must next desire You to reflect a little, That Blood causlessly spilt, cries aloud to GOD the Just Avenger of it; Who may be provoked to withdraw His Favours and Gifts of Success from those who too much presume upon it, and leave You to fall into Misfortunes greater than any which We have yet undergone, and are now desirous to put an end to. We wait Your Answer, Great Sir, and shall receive it with Respect.

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